

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003, AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:40 P.M. Chairman Ken Peterson called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll:

Present: Chairman Ken Peterson, Vice Chairman Barb Potter, Susan Allman, Pat Kemper, Pat Ryan

Absent: Craig Hasselberger, Brian Thomson

Also Present: Kathy Nelander, Village Clerk

2. Approval of Past Minutes - September 25, 2003

The Minutes of the Meeting were made available to the Commission. There were some changes made to the Minutes

Motion: Susan Allman moved that the Minutes of the September 25, 2003 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Pat Ryan.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the Minutes of the September 25, 2003 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Commission Member Reports

A. Barb Potter/Pat Ryan Stormwater Management Issues Update

Vice Chairman Potter reported that she had talked with Ted Gray of Ted Gray and Associates, and Mr. Gray had said that the contract for the Flint Creek Study was to be reviewed by the Village's attorney and then was to be signed and returned in order for work to begin. Vice Chairman Potter said that she would contact Trustee Peterson to check on the status of the contract. She also noted that Mr. Gray was scheduled to be out of town from December 10 through the Christmas holiday. She listed the materials that she had assembled thus far for Mr. Gray, including a disc from Village Engineers Baxter & Woodman with the hydrologic and hydraulic information, a wetland map from Lake County, and that she had contacted a representative from Lake County to inform them that Mr. Gray would need the topographic contours. She said that she was also including photos from the Village, as well as from her own

file, for his review.

Vice Chair Potter mentioned a Stormwater Facility Maintenance Workshop to be hosted by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Saturday the 25th, from 9-11 a.m. She explained that the workshop will cover maintenance needs of stormwater facilities like detention ponds, swales and wetlands, and although she was unable to attend the workshop, she had requested that all meeting materials be forwarded to her.

Vice Chairman Potter explained that she had received an email from Village President Linda Starkey requesting that the Commission make a formal recommendation to the Board of the Commission's previous decision to recommend hiring Ted Gray and Associates to perform a feasibility study on the Concord Lane drainage issue. The Commission discussed that they felt the Village held some responsibility to find a solution for the problem, but whose responsibility it was to solve the problem was not addressed. There was lengthy discussion.

Motion: Barb Potter moved that the Environmental & Health Commission recommend to the Village Board the hiring of Ted Gray and Assoc. to perform a study of the Concord Lane drainage issue and that a legal opinion regarding the Village's responsibility be obtained; seconded by Ken Peterson.

Discussion: There was lengthy discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the motion approved and that the recommendation would be forwarded to the Village Board. Chairman Peterson asked, at the request of Trustee Peterson, if either Barb Potter or Pat Ryan could attend the next Village Board Meeting for the discussion of the Concord Lane drainage issue.

Vice Chairman Potter also mentioned a previous discussion by the Commission regarding the Village's catch basins, and that a yearly program should be set up, with clean up preferably at the end of the fall season, in preparation for the winter and spring seasons. The Commission did not know if the information had been passed on to the Board for discussion. There was further discussion about the use of stone vs. sod on the shoulder of Village roads, and how sod would not clog the catch basins.

Motion: Barb Potter moved that the Environmental & Health Commission recommend to the Village Board that a yearly clean up program for the Village's catch basins be established, preferably at the end of the fall season, in preparation for the winter and spring seasons; seconded by Pat Kemper.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the motion approved and that the recommendation would be forwarded to the Village Board.

4. Old/New Business

A. Discussion of using Sand vs. Salt on the Roads for the 2003/4 Snowplowing Season

Pat Ryan provided the Commission with a report prepared by Commission member Brian Thomson as well as the background materials that were used to formulate the report. Pat Ryan explained that the report listed the pros and cons of salt and sand use, and that Commission member Brian Thomson had recommended the use of salt for the 2003/4 season, with seven recommendations for the use of that salt. They are as follows:

1. Salt is used for the 2003/4 season.
2. The snow removal contractor shall draft a rough guideline of the decision making process in determining rates of application (salt).
3. The snow removal contractor will demonstrate that equipment operator have been educated in the proper application methods and of the desire of the Village to not over apply.
4. Evaluation of applications (visual) be made at least two times and reported to the snow removal contractor to help them in getting feedback during the season.
5. Contractor's equipment should be flexible enough so that it can be set to deliver varying rates of salt, for varying road conditions.
6. Salt spreading equipments should be adjustable to vary application widths depending on road width.
7. Snow removal contractor should keep detailed records as to amount of salt used per application and environmental conditions surrounding its use. A report should be filed with the Village at the end of the season detailing salt usage, rates and weather information. This report should also include any suggestions that the contractor may have to improve the snow removal process and ways to reduce the impact on the environment.

The Commission complimented Brian Thomson on his efforts and recommendations. There was further discussion.

Motion: Susan Allman moved that the Environmental & Health Commission recommend that the Village Board adopt the seven recommendations outlining the use of salt for the 2003/4 snowplow season as prepared by Brian Thomson; seconded by Barb Potter.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the motion approved and that the recommendation would be

forwarded to the Village Board.

B. Deer Update

Commission member Pat Kemper reported that she had received a letter from Joe Miele of Wildlife Watch, Inc., located in New York, from a referral from resident Kelly Mazeski. She explained that the letter recommended non-violent methods of deer control, including such methods as infra red lighting to deter deer from the roads. Pat Kemper discussed some statistics from the Lake County Sheriff's Police of vehicle vs. deer accidents in North Barrington. She reported that since December of 2000, there had been approximately 35 accidents in the Village.

Ms. Kemper said that she was still compiling information from other Villages regarding managing the deer population and would report back to the Commission when she had further information.

C. Miscellaneous

The Commission discussed the previously mailed Village postcard outlining the rules for leaf and other landscape waste burning. The Commission was hopeful that the card would remind residents of the permitted burning times and would encourage neighbors to be considerate of others who may have health-related problems which are worsened by smoke. There was further discussion about how to monitor the burning hours. It was mentioned that the Fire Department as well as the Lake County Sheriff's Department were aware of the Village's Burning Ordinance, and could be contacted to report violations.

Chairman Peterson noted that Brian Thomson had requested a report from Clarke Mosquito on the 2003 season, and upon receipt, the report would be made available to the Commission.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Barb Potter moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:45 P.M. Chairman Peterson declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental & Health Commission Meeting held January 29, 2004.

ATTEST:

Kathy Nelander, Village Clerk
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